

# Guidelines for Writing a Personal Testimony Tract

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## Pray for guidance and clarity of thought and presentation.

### Remember these important points:

- 1) You are writing for unsaved people to read, not to impress other believers.
- 2) Use non-Christian terms so that you are saying what you mean. Unbelievers don't speak "Christianese."
- 3) Use only enough details to paint a clear picture - don't ramble, be specific.
- 4) Keep the tract small enough so that no one will feel like it is too long to read.

### The tract is written in three parts:

- 1) What your life was like before you received Christ.
- 2) How you receive Christ; what exactly happened to you. Be specific and give details.
- 3) How your life has changed since you received Christ. What has the Lord done for you or is presently doing for you.

Always tell your reader how they can get saved. Be specific and clear. Tell them they have to repent, i.e. turn away from everything they presently know to be wrong or sinful. Trust the Holy Spirit to convict them.

Put a "sinner's prayer" in the tract, so they will know exactly what to say in prayer. Your reader may never have prayed before in his/her life, so write it in a simple way, or copy a prayer from another tract.

If you don't think that you can write a tract alone, ask someone in your Church to help you. Tell them your testimony with a tape player recording it. Let them interview you and ask you the right questions. Then have that tape transcribed and edited. It's OK to make many revisions before the tract is finally finished. Most tracts and books go through many, many revisions. Design a cover that you think is appropriate for your testimony. Many people prefer a simple cover with their photo and something about themselves.

Put your Church address and phone number on the back for follow up purposes. Never put your own home address or phone number on the tract.

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